

You have a violation of free speech happening under your watch in as blatant a way as any broadcasting corporation could do it. Men and women (over 1000 in this war alone) have given their lives to protect the very freedoms that Sinclair Broadcasting is trampling with their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This goes beyond the damage done by media consolidation. It is a misuse of the power of a big business that is so egregious that it calls for legal redress.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Do something about this criminal use of the airwaves. Thank you.